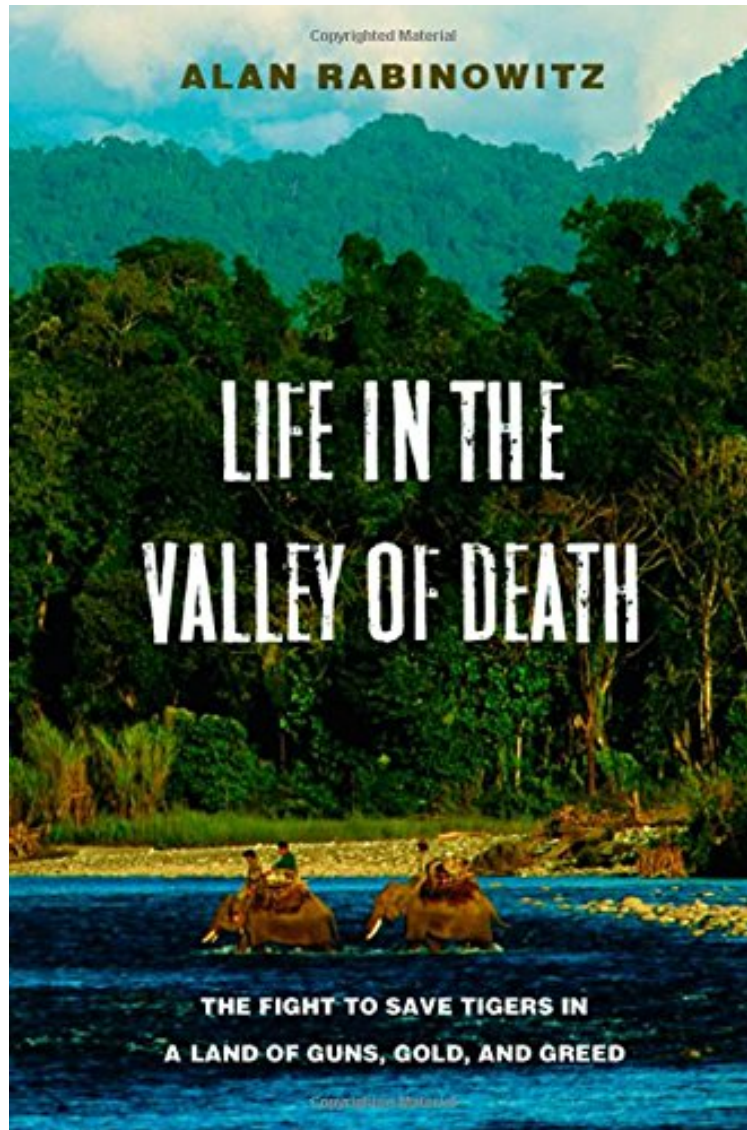


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Alan Rabinowitz : Life in the Valley of Death: The Fight to Save Tigers in a Land of Guns, Gold, and Greed before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Life in the Valley of Death: The Fight to Save Tigers in a Land of Guns, Gold, and Greed:

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Life Lessons By Donald E. Gilliland Very odd that one reviewer would call this a "terrible" book. Either they had a short attention span or are not capable of feeling complex human

emotions. And this book is brimming with emotion. Ostensibly, "Life in the Valley of Death" is about the efforts to save the tigers and other wildlife in that region. But this is also a book about Rabinowitz's acceptance of, and struggles with, a disease he has been diagnosed with. He also opens up and give the reader insights into his marriage (to a Thai woman) and being a father. An additional dynamic is the way he interacts with the local people, particularly the bureaucrats and officials in Myanmar, a "necessary evil" since they are the ones who can grant him permission, not only to visit the country, but to make this wildlife sanctuary a reality. I love the way that Rabinowitz combines these many threads to weave a compelling narrative. You don't need to have an interest in saving wildlife to enjoy this book. This is just good human drama. That said, I found this to be a notch below his other book, "Beyond the Last Village." That previous book (also about establishing wildlife parks in Myanmar) was so moving and so compelling, I thought it would be hard to top it. And it was. But "Life in the Valley of Death" is a still a very engrossing read, and an important book. Clearly, Rabinowitz loves not only wildlife, but also the people of Myanmar. He does an excellent job of conveying that passion to the reader.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fighting Against the Odds By A. Reader Alan Rabinowitz has successfully helped to establish wildlife preserves in foreign countries, and when asked to expand the wildlife sanctuary in Myanmar, he readily agrees. Nothing could have prepared him for the changes that were to take place in that country over the next year, and how those changes would affect the vision he had for saving the tigers from extinction in that area of the world. This book details that struggle, describing his efforts to convince the Myanmar government as well as the people living in the Hukawng Valley to agree to work together to create the Hukawng Valley Tiger Reserve. Mr. Rabinowitz has his own style of writing: while he doesn't present his story in original, colorful images, his paragraphs are very rich in detail and provide the reader with a thorough picture. His descriptions are usually straight to the point. Sometimes they are delivered with a bit of humor: since several of our elephant handlers, called mahouts, are addicted to opium, an early morning start is not part of their repertoire. Other times, you can easily see what is in his heart. For instance, he states that the life expectancy of an elephant is shortened considerably when white gold protrudes from your head. This is an excellent book, revealing one man's passion for effecting positive change and the difficulties he encountered during his multi-year mission.

42 of 42 people found the following review helpful. Awesome account of getting stuff done in Burma By Arnold While there has been a lot of criticism of Alan Rabinowitz's efforts in Myanmar, this book should put them to rest. Rabinowitz makes clear his desire to incorporate local stakeholders in the Hukawng Tiger Reserve and give them a surprisingly open voice in an otherwise closed society. Moreover, he makes a good argument that the reserve will bring aid and funds directly to villagers in northern Burma that otherwise might have been neglected. Some of the highlights in the book include Rabinowitz's meetings with high level Burmese officials, including former prime minister Khin Nyunt, and senior leaders of the KIO. I appreciate the fact that he wrote so openly of his relations with these officials, especially as some of them (particularly Khin Nyunt) are no longer in power and whose association could brand WCS with a stigma within Burma. Of course, the central story of the book, setting up the reserve, is full of adventure. I am also impressed by how intimately Rabinowitz shares his emotions and thoughts with the reader (and not always in a light that makes him look good). While I can't claim to know him well, he seems honest and straightforward in his account (a relief after reading so many political autobiographies). In short, this is a great book if you want to go beyond the very important headlines about Burma and see what it's really like to travel, work, and do conservation in this challenging but fascinating country (for those looking for books on Burma's politics, I highly recommend the books by David Steinberg and Thant Myint-U).

Dubbed the Indiana Jones of wildlife science by The New York Times, Alan Rabinowitz has devoted and risked his life to protect nature's great endangered mammals. He has journeyed to the remote corners of the earth in search of wild things, weathering treacherous terrain, plane crashes, and hostile governments. Life in the Valley of Death recounts his most ambitious and dangerous adventure yet: the creation of the world's largest tiger preserve. The tale is set in the lush Hukaung Valley of Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. An escape route for refugees fleeing the Japanese army during World War II, this rugged stretch of land claimed the lives of thousands of children, women, and soldiers. Today it is home to one of the largest tiger populations outside of India, a population threatened by rampant poaching and the recent encroachment of gold prospectors. To save the remaining tigers, Rabinowitz must navigate not only an unforgiving landscape, but the tangled web of politics in Myanmar. Faced with a military dictatorship, an insurgent army, tribes once infamous for taking the heads of their enemies, and villagers living on less than one U.S. dollar per day, the scientist and adventurer most comfortable with animals is thrust into a diplomatic minefield. As he works to balance the interests of disparate factions and endangered wildlife, his own life is threatened by an incurable disease. The resulting story is one of destruction and loss, but also renewal. In forests reviled as the valley of death, Rabinowitz finds new life for himself, for communities haunted by poverty and violence, and for the tigers he vowed to protect.